Opening of new universities in Bihar

*294. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been forwarded by Bihar Government to University Grants Commission for opening of some new Universities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) State Universities are established by an Act of the concerned State Legislatures and prior approval of the University Grants Commission is not required before setting up of a new university. Universities established after 17th June, 1972, however, are required to be declared fit by UGC for any financial assistance from Central sources accordig to the provisions of Section 12B of the UGC Act. According to information given by UGC, the Commission has not received any proposal from the Government of Bihar for financial assistance for the six new universities proposed to be set up by them.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : सभापति महोदया, (**व्यवधान**) उसी क्रम में मैं जानना चाहता हूं (**व्यवधान**) जिस तरह का माहौल है (**व्यवधान**) मैं सप्लीमेंटरी पूछ रहा हूं (**व्यवधान**) बिहार में जो समस्यायें हैं, उनको कैसे हल करेंगे (**व्यवधान**) बिहार में खुलना चाहिये (**व्यवधान**) आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मैं जानना चाहता हूं, सभापति महोदय, बिहार में विश्वविद्यालय कब तक खोलेंगे ? यह मेरा पहला प्रश्न है (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: (*Interruptions.*)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : सभापति महोदय, (**व्यवधान**) बिहार में . मैं समझता हूं (**व्यवधान**) जो सब से बड़ा संकट उत्पन्न हो गया है (**व्यवधान**) शिक्षा प्रणाली (**व्यवधान**) सरकार को मालूम होगा, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं क्या बिहार में (**व्यवधान**) शिक्षा का स्तर ऊंचा किया जा सके (**व्यवधान**) वेतन नहीं मिलता है (**व्यवधान**) मैं सरकार से जानना चाहूंगा, यह फैसला कब तक हो जायेगा, खुला विश्वविद्यालय (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: (*Interruptions.*)

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: (*Interruptions.*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is Over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Planning Commission's clearance to irrigation and potable water schemes of Rajasthan

281. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation and potable water schemes proposed to be executed

in Rajasthan are awaiting the approval of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are its findings about schemes sent by the Rajasthan Government to the Planning Commission till the 31st March, 1990;

(c) the number of projects approved by the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Annual Plan of 1990-91 and also in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) by when are the remaining projects likely to be cleared and what is the present stage of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No Potable Water Supply Scheme proposed to be executed by Rajasthan Government is pending with the Planning Commission for clearance. Two irrigation projects, namely, Sidhmukh and Nohar proposed to be executed by the Rajasthan Government in the Eighth Five Year Plan are pending investment clearance. Irrigation projects are not directly received from the State Governments in the Planning Commission for investment celarance. These are received from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources. Planning Commission has not given investment clearance to any new irrigation project for Annual Plan 1990-91 of Rajasthan. The Eighth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan is yet to be finalised. The investment clearance of the above mentioned irrigation projcets will depend, among other factors on relative priority to be attached to such projects within the total resources available with the State for Eighth plan.

Achievements of Open Universities

***283. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Government have evaluated the achievements of the Open Universities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are its findings about academic standards and social demands of graduates passing from these Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) As the Open University system in the country is still in its infancy, it is too early to evaluate its achievements.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Missiles in the Country

*284. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 117 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether there has been any change in Government's stand regarding missiles development programme, especially regarding Agni, after the new Government took-over;

(b) by when the second test of Agni would be held; and

(c) by when the production of Prithvi is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Undertaking of flight trials of such systems like Agni are continuous in nature. It is not in public interest to give details of such launchings before these are carried out.

(c) Prithvi is planned to be productionised from Mid 1992.